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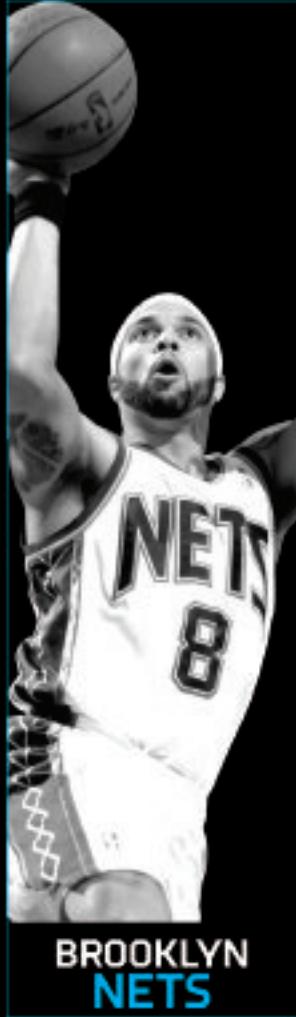


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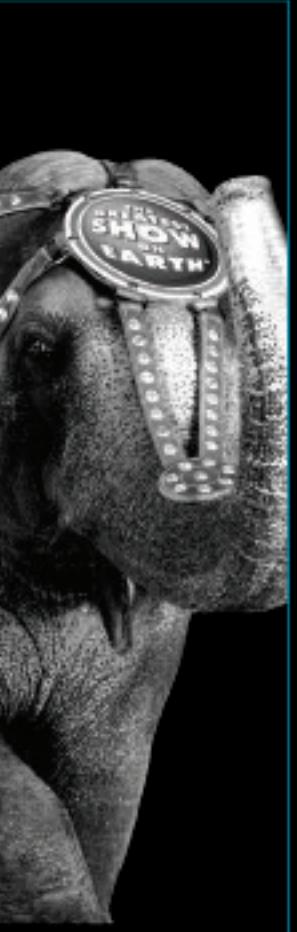
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Law schools accused of inflating job prospects

- Case will be heard in Manhattan court today about whether institutions misreport career claims to grads
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News

Little changed in Japan a year after tsunami

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► Phagwah festivalgoers are decorated in bright powder as part of the tradition.

Thousands of people showed up to celebrate the Indo-Caribbean festival of Phagwah yesterday in Richmond Hill, Queens. Phagwah, also known as Holi, is the celebration of spring — attendees deck themselves out in colorful powder to say goodbye to the gray winter days. {page 06}

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In the news**Woman dies after falling in clothing box**

A woman suffocated Saturday after she climbed into a clothing drop box and got trapped inside. The New York Post reported that Melissa Mazzeo, 51, crawled into a box in Sunnyside, Queens, ostensibly to remove clothing, but got caught in the opening of the box. The door shut on her head when she tried to escape, and she suffocated and died. **METRO/AB**

In the news

She's baaack
Ruth Madoff has moved back to the Northeast from Florida, and is now living in Old Greenwich, Conn., according to the New York Daily News. Madoff, 71, has cut off all ties with her infamous husband and now reportedly wants to spend more time with her son, Andrew. Her other son, Mark, committed suicide in 2011.

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► Ezra Fineman needs a transplant to survive.



► Smith

Park named for officer killed on 9/11

MADISON SQUARE PARK. A playground was named for an NYPD officer who died while trying to save people on 9/11. The Moira Ann Smith Playground is a part of Madison Square Park, and was named for her Saturday while her husband and daughter were present. "Life and laughter was what she was all about," her husband said at the ceremony. Police Commissioner Ray Kelly and Council Speaker Christine Quinn were present for the dedication. Of the 23 cops who were killed on Sept. 11, 2001, Smith was the only woman. She was photographed leading people in the tower to safety. **METRO/AB**

Member of New York's finest in DWI

STATEN ISLAND. A police officer was arrested for driving while intoxicated Friday. Colleen Leonard, 39, was arrested Friday shortly before 5 p.m. at Sprague Avenue and Hylan Boulevard in Staten Island. She was charged with driving while intoxicated. Leonard is an NYPD sergeant, according to the police department. **METRO/AB**

Deflated dreams after law school

► Three city law schools named in suit for misleading job data ► Grads say they fudge numbers to make it seem like nearly everyone gets a lawyer gig ► Lawyer says many listed as 'employed' actually work at school

Most New York City law school students probably do not envision themselves whipping up lattes after graduation.

But that's exactly where one law school graduate found himself this year postcommencement.

That grad is one of thousands each year who sign up to attend a city law school that promises a nearly 100 percent job placement rate.

Yet those rates are often fudged with "misleading" numbers, alleges Jesse Strauss. Strauss is an attorney suing 14 law schools across the country on behalf of jobless graduates, including three in New York City: Hofstra, Brooklyn Law School and New York Law School.

Strauss will argue in Manhattan Supreme Court today against New York Law School, which touts about a 90 percent job placement rate, according to the complaint.

However, that rate includes any kind of employment, and fewer than 40 percent of school grads are actually working in jobs that require a law degree, the suit alleges.

"That's misleading," Strauss said. "When you don't have a transparent market, the result is you have people getting degrees and paying a lot of money for those degrees that are not worth it."

The claim by schools that they have strong job place-

ment rates is also inflated, Strauss said, since the stats often include grads who were given temporary jobs at the school, and not gigs in high-powered legal firms.

Ezra Fineman, a Bergen County boy who loves the alphabet, music and his tricycle, has a rare immune deficiency called Hyper IgM syndrome, which makes his body unable

to produce antibodies to fight off infections.

The only cure is a bone marrow or stem cell transplant.

And so yesterday, visitors at "BODIES ... The Exhibition" were asked to swab their cheek to find out if they may be a match. **METRO/AB**

How you can help Ezra

► Anyone who would like to be tested to help Ezra, or others with the disease, can go to giftolife.org/Help4Ezra

Fudging numbers?

One of Strauss' clients moved from Seattle to attend New York Law School.

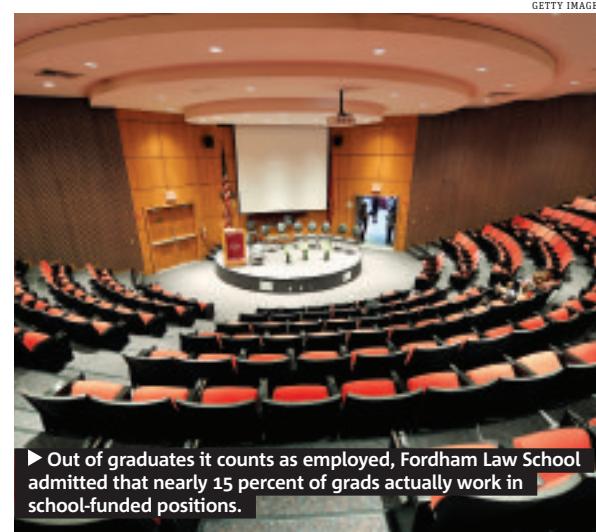
"Because she saw the stellar numbers at New York Law School, she moved herself across the country," Strauss said. Now, he said, "Her debt number is so big that she actually doesn't want to talk about it," and she has still not found steady work.

The New York Post reported yesterday that New York University Law School, which is not named in Strauss' lawsuit, counts 38 graduates as employed but they actually work in temporary positions at the school.

"It's standard practice," Strauss said. "There's a lot of different tricks that the schools use."

Columbia would not reveal their data on how many jobs it funded, but told the Post its employment rate dropped from 98.6 to 96.5 percent.

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► Out of graduates it counts as employed, Fordham Law School admitted that nearly 15 percent of grads actually work in school-funded positions.

Debt numbers

This is the average debt per student at the three schools listed in the suit:

- **\$119,437** Average debt of a New York Law School graduate, according to the complaint
- **\$97,631** Average debt of a Brooklyn Law School graduate, according to the complaint
- **\$115,705** Average debt of a Hofstra Law School graduate
- **\$100,000** Average debt burden for law school graduates nationally, according to the complaint

Schools on the defense

Schools like New York Law School and Hofstra defended their data.

On its website, New York Law School noted, "There are several approaches to calculating the single number that blends all the things law graduates do in their first year after graduation."

And Hofstra spokeswoman Kristen McMahon said the school "stands by our job placement statistics."

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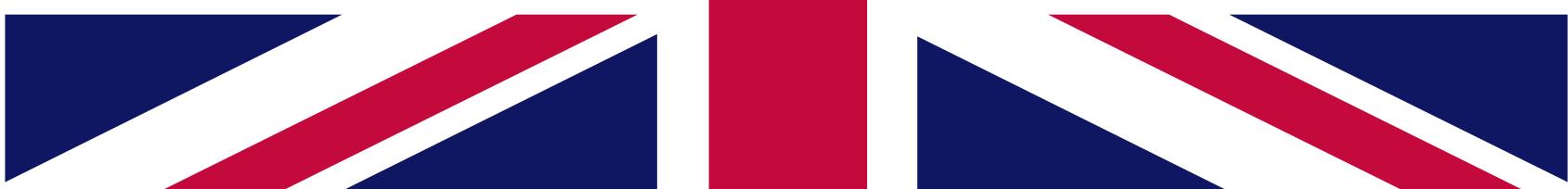
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Parents cuffed after tot found outside

MIDWOOD. The mother and father of a toddler were arrested Saturday after the tot was spotted wandering around Avenue J in Brooklyn without shoes and a winter coat, shivering in the 30-degree weather.

A concerned neighbor took the boy in, and his parents, Shazia and Khalifa Nafir, were arrested and charged with acting in a manner injurious to a

"We gave him my son's slippers and a coat. He was really freezing."

NEIGHBOR YAFA SHALOM, WHO FOUND THE CHILD

child, according to the New York Post.

The parents said they were

worried when they noticed the child was missing, but they reportedly only discovered his absence hours after he was taken in by neighbors. The parents told police they thought he was being cared for by relatives next door, according to the Post. The Administration for Children's Services is reportedly investigating the case. 

Arrest, probe in two baby deaths

- A 2-year-old's lifeless, bruised body found in Brooklyn
- Mother's boyfriend charged with assault
- Infant girl found unconscious in Bronx on same day

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A man watching his girlfriend's child was arrested yesterday and charged with assault after the 2-year-old boy was found dead Saturday in Brooklyn, only hours before a baby girl was found dead in the Bronx in a separate incident.

After receiving a 911 call from the boy's mother, police found Jacqil Degraffenreid, 23 months old, unconscious and unresponsive at around 4:30 a.m. in an apartment on Shephard Avenue in Cypress Hills.

Emergency workers rushed the baby boy to Kings County Hospital Center, but he was pronounced dead.

According to The New York Times, Degraffenreid's body showed signs of bruising. He

had reportedly been left in the care of his mother's boyfriend for about four hours, and she called 911 when she returned home to find him unconscious.

Both the mother and her boyfriend were questioned Saturday.

An official told the Times that, when the two were questioned by police, the bruises on the baby's body were inconsistent with the account they gave of what happened.

The boyfriend, Tyree Wright, 19, was arrested and charged with assault and acting in a manner injurious to a child, according to police.

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Baby girl died in the Bronx

Only hours after the toddler boy was found dead in Brooklyn, police responded to a 911 call of a baby girl unconscious, also on Saturday morning.

Officers found Angelise Correa, 2 months old, unre-

sponsive at a Harrison Avenue residence in the Bronx at around 11 a.m.

Emergency service workers took her to Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center, where she was pronounced dead. According to the New York Post, the parents called 911, and her body showed no obvious signs of trauma.



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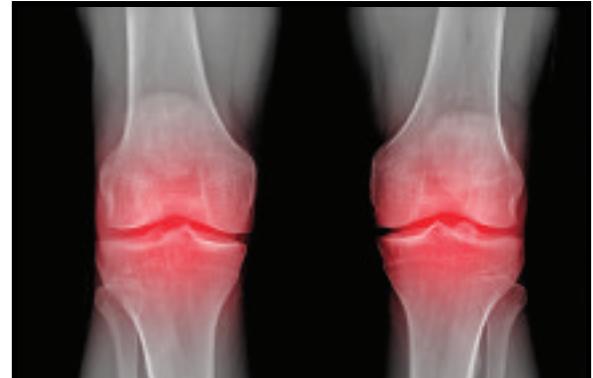
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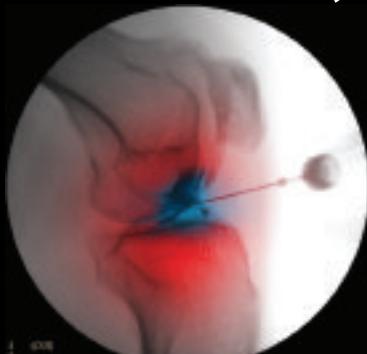
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A colorful 'Holi'-day to welcome in springtime

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Now that's a way to welcome in spring! Phagwah, also known as Holi, is the Indo-Caribbean festival of the new year.

Every spring, on the first Sunday after the first full moon of the Hindu calendar, thousands of participants gather in Smokey Oval Park in Richmond Hill, Queens.

And yesterday's sunny, warm weather drew quite a crowd, with an estimated 20,000 people gathering in the park.

Festival participants throw colored powder known as "abrac" on each other to celebrate the approaching spring season and to chase away the winter grays. Festival-goers normally wear all white and throw bright pink, green and blue dyes and powders.

Holi was originally celebrated in India, and spread to Trinidad, Surinam and



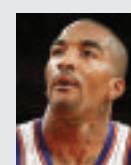
► People celebrate the Indian festival Holi yesterday in Queens.

Guyana. In addition to heralding spring, the holiday also celebrates the triumph of good over evil.

There is a large Guyanese population in Richmond Hill, as well as in Jamaica, Queens, making yesterday's Holi festi-

val in Queens one of the biggest of its kind in North America. And it seems Mother Nature appreciates Phagwah as well: The temperatures are expected to peak in the high 60s all week long in New York City. ● METRO

Knicks guard fined \$25K for 'inappropriate' photo tweet



announced on Saturday.

Smith, 26, posted a picture of a partially naked woman on his account on Thursday.

The basketball player later deleted the post and told reporters he regretted posting the tweet — but the NBA

took a dim view, with executive vice president of basketball operations Stu Jackson announcing the penalty.

"I didn't know it was going to be as big a deal as it is now," Smith said on Friday, according to ESPN. "I definitely regret it. Anytime I do anything that takes away from our team, I'm definitely going to regret it." REUTERS

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Riddle: What's got two faces, surely?

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Rick Santorum added to his delegate count during the weekend with an overwhelming victory in the Kansas caucuses, taking more than half of all votes. But contests in Wyoming, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, won by Mitt Romney, reinforce the new campaign reality: No matter how well any of the not-Romneys do, the math matters, and ultimately the numbers will decide the nominee.

See, the candidates are vying to secure enough delegates — done by winning states and/or congressional districts in the various elections — to

win nomination before the August convention, and the magic number is 1,144. A candidate who secures that number of delegate votes will be declared the presidential nominee to take on Obama in November. Overwhelmingly, it's looking like that candidate will — eventually, inevitably — be Romney.

This is no idle claim, but rather a fair analysis of the numbers. Following this weekend's contests, Romney assumed an estimated count of 454 delegates to Santorum's 217. (Gingrich and Paul claim fewer.) In other words, Romney has more than twice the number of his closest competitor; and with most upcoming elections awarding delegates proportionally, an alternate scenario looks improbable.



► Based on numbers alone, it is very unlikely that Romney does not secure the GOP nomination.

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Santorum downplayed the delegate gap on "Meet the Press" yesterday after host David Gregory argued he'd need to win 61 percent of upcoming elections to overshoot Romney. "These numbers are going to change dramatically," Santorum said. "A lot of these delegates are uncommitted."

Santorum's latter point is true enough; at this time, delegate counts are merely estimates and anything could, supposedly, happen. But his former point may be a decimal off: With Gingrich committed to "going all the way to Tampa," the numbers just don't add up. And numbers, unlike presidential hopefuls, don't lie.

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Japan missed tsunami wake-up call for change

► Government back to business as usual as debt piles up and critical decisions put off ► Only sign of change is growing distrust of politicians

Three months after Japan's March 11 triple disaster, a longtime expert on the country arrived in Tokyo to research a book he intended to title "Rebirth of a Nation."

Months later, Richard Samuels is calling his work "The Rhetoric of Crisis."

A year after the huge earthquake, deadly tsunami and the world's worst nuclear disaster in a quarter century jolted the country, it is clear that even a shock of such magnitude failed to snap it out of its economic and political torpor.

"So far it seems there was more talk of change than change itself. It is all still being sorted out," said Samuels, di-

rector of the Center for International Studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Japan's mammoth government debt keeps piling up while critical decisions get pushed back, referred to various panels, lodged in elaborate rituals of "consensus-building" or political horse-trading in a gridlocked parliament.

Mainstream political parties, torn by conflicting group loyalties, proved incapable of setting aside their differences and providing the leadership for which the public longs.

Instead, politicians reverted to business as usual: parliamentary trench warfare and the annual "ditch the prime

minister" exercise that gave Japan its sixth leader in five years and now threatens to block vital tax and welfare reforms.

"I personally expected a kind of coalition government just after the earthquake to rescue the economy," says Takahide Kiuchi, chief economist at Nomura Securities. "It never happened and the opposition and the ruling party are still fighting each other. This is my biggest disappointment."

That said, Japan has changed over those past 12 months — though in ways too gradual and unspectacular to grab headlines.

The main driving force: growing distrust of politicians and bureaucrats and public indignation at their incompetence.

"I think it's all moved Japan on its axis slightly more than before. It has definitely made people less forgiving or believing in Japan Inc., the system," said Pelham Smithers, managing director of a London-based market research firm, who has visited Japan several times since March 11.

What remains unclear is whether the anger will force a radical overhaul of Japan's politics, economy and society or deepen public apathy and frustration — or somewhere in between. **REUTERS**



Mourning the dead, dealing with the aftermath

With a moment of silence, prayers and anti-nuclear rallies, Japan yesterday marked one year since an earthquake and tsunami killed thousands and set off a radiation crisis that shattered public trust in atomic power and the nation's leaders.

The magnitude 9.0 earthquake unleashed a

wall of water that hit Japan's northeast coast, killing nearly 16,000 and leaving nearly 3,300 unaccounted for. The country is still grappling with the human, economic and political costs.

In the port town of Ofunato, hundreds of black-clad residents gathered to lay white chrysanthemums in memory of the town's 420 dead and missing.

The country observed a minute of silence at 2:46 p.m., the time the quake struck. **REUTERS**

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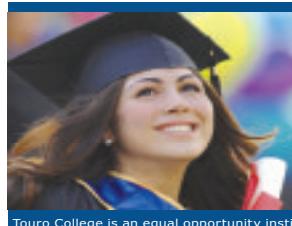
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What is Whitney Houston worth?

Although **Whitney Houston's** daughter **Bobbi** is set to inherit her mother's entire "fortune," a 2007 legal document uncovered by Radar Online shows that Houston's estate might not be as much as people are assuming.

An income and expense declaration during her divorce proceedings with **Bobby Brown** states that at the time, Houston had \$40,000 in cash and \$225,000 in stocks, and she had earned in excess of \$1 million for performances, per the site. She declared owning two homes: one house in New Jersey, which was worth \$6.5 million (with \$3,247,000 owed on the estate) and a townhouse in Atlanta worth \$1.244 million (with a reported \$1,046,603 owed on that property). "Whitney's bottom line was that she had \$10,242,931 in various assets, and had debts totaling \$4,294,014," states Radar Online.

Alec Baldwin is on a new crusade, Roseanne Barr is making pretty big campaign promises, Melanie Griffith has famous friends and Conan O'Brien is ready to celebrate.

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Two things that might change this bottom line. One: Any "income declaration" you're showing your ex-husband (who is seeking your hard-earned money) is going to hide a ton of cash. And two: Houston's recording contract was not listed, as it was "considered separate proper-



► What happened to all of Houston's assets?

ty due to the prenuptial agreement the former couple had."

However, it's important to remember that Houston was also one of the world's best-selling music artists — having sold more than 170 million albums, singles and videos worldwide. In 2001, she

signed the biggest record deal in music history for \$100 million for six new albums — on which she would also earn royalties. Yes, that contract is separate from what's on that 2007 document; but still, you would think there would be more than just \$6 million.

Where did it all go?

Talking points

Klum on her split with Seal

Heidi Klum understands that her split from **Seal** came as a shock to a lot of her fans. "To the outside world, you don't really share all the things that happen. You kind of share just the most amazing sides," she tells *Elle* magazine. And that's all she apparently wants to say



on the matter: "I feel like already there are so many things being said about us — about him, about me. I'm not

going to comment. Otherwise it makes you angry. You can't always call and say, 'This is not true, but this part is true.' Of course, Klum wishes her soon-to-be ex-husband would follow her example, since a lot of the quotes about their split are from Seal. "He's a grown man. I can't tell him what to do and what not to do," Klum says.

Lohan moves out of Marmont

Lindsay Lohan is no longer

Celebrity. Mug shot



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Entering mug shot hall of fame

Uff! Check out Michael Madsen's booking photo. The once-handsome "Kill Bill" star was arrested on charges of child endangerment and cruelty in Malibu, Calif., on Friday. Reports suggest that Madsen had a physical altercation with his teenage son at the family home. Madsen has since called the whole incident a "big misunderstanding."

Will Spears appear on 'X Factor'?

Britney Spears is reportedly close to signing a deal to be a new judge for the second season of the U.S. version of "The X Factor," according to the Hollywood Reporter. And who's supposedly handling the deal for her? None other than her fiance and

former agent, **Jason Trawick**. Spears was rumored to be a top contender to fill one of the judging spots left empty after **Paula Abdul** and **Nicole Scherzinger**. "Are we flattered that there could be interest? Yes," **Simon Cowell** said last month, adding that he "can't confirm or deny any of those rumors at the moment."

Blunt on making it work with Krasinski

Emily Blunt admits it was difficult to jet off to film "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen" just one month after tying the knot with husband **John Krasinski**, according to *Us Weekly*. "We were far from home, but we were so busy working we really didn't think about it much," Blunt says of the shoot, which took her to Scotland, London and Morocco. "You talk, you e-mail, you do all of that. There is no magic answer."



The start of SXSW and fake vampire brides to kick off your Monday

1. Producer, director and writer **Joss Whedon** spoke at "A Conversation with Joss Whedon" panel during the 2012 SXSW Music, Film + Interactive Festival at the Austin Convention Center on Saturday in Austin, Texas.

2. Journalist **Lisa Ling** spoke onstage at the "How Women Present Themselves in the Digital Age" panel during the 2012 SXSW Music, Film + Interactive Festival on Saturday.

3. Drake performed as part of his Drake's Club Paradise Tour at the San Jose State Event Center on Saturday in San Jose, Calif.

4. Hubba hubba! Burlesque performer **Dita Von Teese** premiered her **Von Follies** lingerie collection in Australia on Saturday at the Melbourne Fashion Festival.

5. Entertainment One attempted to set the Guinness World Record for the longest chain of brides in one location at HMV, Oxford Street in London on Sunday. The event was held to celebrate the DVD release of (what else?) "The Twilight Saga: Twilight Breaking Dawn Part 1."

6. Actor **Johnny Knoxville** posed for photos during the premiere of his new film "Nature Calls" at the 2012 SXSW Music, Film + Interactive Festival on Saturday in Austin, Texas.

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He is John Carter

- Actor Taylor Kitsch goes to Mars in the riskiest movie of the year
- Why he wishes he could have discovered a pair of pants on Mars

Taylor Kitsch, until now best known for the TV series "Friday Night Lights," is well aware that a lot is riding on 2012 for him, careerwise. With lead roles in a pair of presumed blockbusters — this month's "John Carter" followed by "Battleship" in May — and Oliver Stone's "Savages" later this year, Kitsch is set to have his status in Hollywood solidified one way or the other. His biggest risk comes first. "John Carter," based on the stories of Edgar Rice Burroughs, follows a Civil War hero transported to Mars, where he leads a rebellion. It reportedly cost more than \$200 million. No pressure, Taylor ...

Your face basically is the marketing campaign for "John Carter."

Yeah, yeah. I mean, that is something you never, ever get used to. I think it really is a once-in-a-lifetime kind of year

for me coming up with these three films. It's insane. I think it's also a cool moment just to have within yourself, like it's really come full circle for the most part through the struggle or whatever it was to get to this point.

Being the title character in a potential franchise, how is it to watch the marketing campaign at work and have no control over it?

I think you just nailed it, I don't have control over it. I mean, I'm so on the inside — obviously, being him — but there's things, yeah, that I would love to have seen different. There's also things that they've done that have opened my eyes to it in a different way. So, I mean, I really don't have power [over] it at the end of the day.

The film has gotten bad publicity because of the poor marketing.

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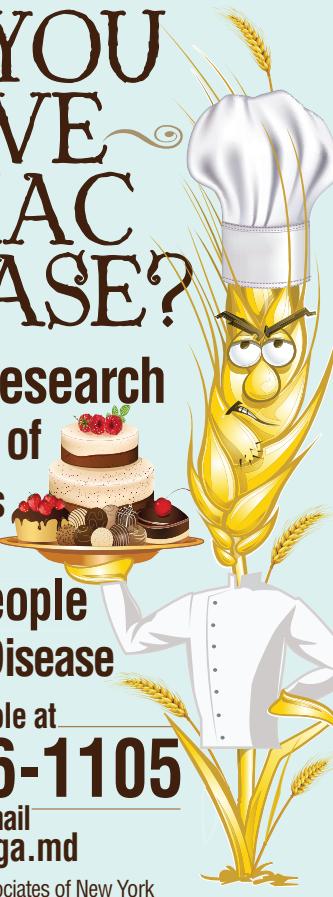
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'X-Men' spin-off?

Taylor Kitsch made a leap into big-budget franchises by playing Gambit in 2009's "Wolverine." With Gambit being one of the most popular characters, there was naturally talk before the film's release of jumping into a Gambit spin-off film. After the release, not so much. So what happened? "I think it was just really s— in the sense of it being put out there before it was ready," Kitsch says. "I don't know if they ever came back from that kind of buzz."

► Get to know Taylor Kitsch — you're about to see a lot of him.

If you were in charge of marketing the movie, what would you do?

You're going to kill me, man. [Laughs] Um, the actor in me would go a lot darker. The earlier stuff, I loved, and I would love to see a bit of that John Carter as well — the more dramatic stuff, the Civil War John Carter. You don't see literally any, really — him on a horse, maybe, or him waking up from Mars with the beard, maybe. I think maybe I'd put a bit more of that in there. It just grounds

it more, you know what I mean? Rather than people trying to really decipher Mars and this and that and really break it down.

There's a lot of you on display in this film. Did you ever wish that he'd discover a shirt or a pair of pants somewhere on Mars?

I loved the Civil War Carter, put it that way. [Laughs] It's ... exposed, to say the least.

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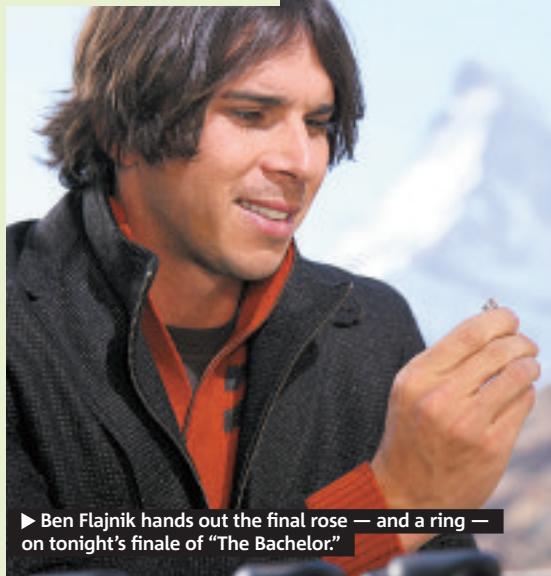
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Season finale, 8 p.m., ABC

'House Hunters'

REALITY. Now airing new episodes every weeknight, the addictive real estate search reality series has become an official time-sucking black hole.

10 p.m., HGTV

'Smash'

DRAMA. Ivy's voice begins to show signs of wear, which isn't the case for Karen, who could use a little more work — like a side gig at a bar mitzvah on Long Island. 10 p.m., NBC

'America the Wild with Casey Anderson'

REALITY. As the series settles into its regular time slot, adventurer Casey Anderson sets out for the Grand Canyon to witness the ecosystem of the Southwest. 9 p.m., Nat Geo Wild • AMBER RAY

'Lorax' beats Disney's 'Carter' at box office

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► The Dr. Seuss tale "The Lorax" topped the box office for the second weekend in a row.

Dr. Seuss movie "The Lorax" won the box office race for the second straight weekend, beating Walt Disney Co.'s expensive 3-D space adventure "John Carter."

"The Lorax" pulled in \$39.1 million at U.S. and Canadian theaters from Friday through Sunday, studio estimates released yesterday showed. "John Carter," which cost about \$250 million to produce, brought in \$30.6 million domestically.

Comedy "Project X" took third place honors with \$11.6 million during its second weekend in theaters.

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Friends with comedians

► Adam Scott was once a serious actor ► Then he discovered the LA comedy scene ► How this 'fluke' led to finding new friends and his starring role in Jennifer Westfeldt's new movie, 'Friends with Kids'

It was a role in the comedy "Step Brothers" that gave dramatic actor Adam Scott his big break.

"It was a fluke, honestly," says the actor on landing his role as Will Ferrell's conceited biological brother in the 2008 comedy. "It was so fun and exciting; no day was ever the same," he remembers. "That and [Starz comedy series] 'Party Down' took me in a new direction. I never looked back."

Discovering his comedic acting chops was a happy accident for Scott, because once he discovered he could do comedy — and do it quite well — the creative L.A. comedy scene invited him into their chummy fold.

"Before, I was chasing some brass ring that never really existed and trying to get guest spots and dramatic roles. It wasn't until I found the comedy scene that I started creating my own destiny," he says. (Scott currently stars in NBC's hit comedy "Parks and Recreation"). "We take things from the ground up, and everyone is very inspired by each other. We like to help each other out. It's a nice way to work."

A nice way — and also a



► Adam Scott stars in "Friends with Kids," in theaters now.

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Kids of his own

For Scott, who is also a father to two young children, "Friends with Kids," really rings true.

"The film astutely observes things about the way you feel when you have a kid that I'd never seen in a movie before. I couldn't believe that she was able to harness [those feelings,] not having kids of her own," he says of Westfeldt.

gather while keeping their relationships platonic.

Scott is proud of his performance, which is yet another perk of making a movie with a friend who calls the shots.

I don't know why [they asked me], because they could have easily found someone far more famous to make the movie. But I was happy they did — it was a great part."

In the film, Scott stars as Jason, who, along with his best friend Julie (Westfeldt), sees how children wreck their friends' romantic relationships. They decide to have a child to-

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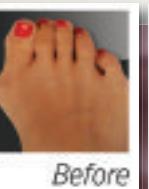
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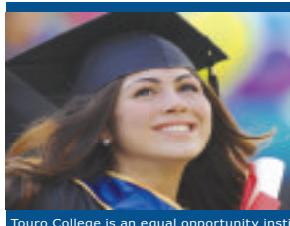
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Adding social justice to the syllabus

► Professor Kristi Holsinger's new book introduces activism to traditional criminal justice courses

For University of Missouri-Kansas City professor Kristi Holsinger, every criminal justice course requires a foundational understanding of restorative justice principles. Criminal justice, in her eyes, is a form of activism: a means of addressing social inequality and injustice.

Her courses at UMKC challenge students to confront these issues face to face, literally: One brings prisoners to campus and includes them in classroom activities.

This month, Ashgate Publishing will release her first book, "Teaching Justice: Solving Social Justice Problems Through University Education," which re-envision

criminal justice classrooms as a place where the most vexing issues in the United States can be explored and addressed in an inquisitive, compassionate, non-partisan environment.

"When I developed [courses] at UMKC, I discovered that the students had traditional criminal justice concepts down, but they hadn't done a lot of work putting criminal justice practices in a larger justice perspective," says Holsinger. "The class became about defining justice in a larger way. It became about community activism."

Intended for criminal justice teachers, "Teaching Justice" is packed full of ideas for bringing activism to the



► Holsinger's book looks to teach justice in a larger perspective.

classroom and elucidating social justice concerns amongst students.

"A lot of the ideas in this book challenge the status quo. In that way, it could be negatively categorized as ideological," says Holsinger. "But I don't think it's good to model

apathy or pretend that we don't have a viewpoint. Also, in my class, I don't dictate how students define justice or what they determine to be a social problem."

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Wild way to work with a King

► Chasing his dream, designer went from cruise ship to giant in golf fashion to working with Arnie

Becoming wildly successful starts with having a dream, taking a risk and believing in yourself and your idea 100 percent. For 33-year-old Geoff Tait, the co-owner of Quagmire Golf and creative director of Arnie, that's how he went from teaching golf on a cruise ship to designing a brand of clothes inspired by the most iconic golfer through the years — "The King" Arnold Palmer.

Tait, whose Quagmire Golf brand is one of the most trendy in the industry, was hand-selected by Palmer's people to re-create the style that made Arnie a timeless classic, both on and off the course. Palmer was recently ranked one of "The 25 Coolest Athletes of All Time" by GQ.

How does a guy go from working on a cruise ship to designing and reinventing golf icon Arnold Palmer's clothing brand?

It's all about following your passion and realizing that life is short. I've always wanted to do something great in the golf industry. After teaching the game on a cruise ship, I saw a market need for an alternatively styled golf apparel line and created Quagmire Golf with my business partner, Bob Pasternak.



► Geoff Tait, left, is bringing Arnold Palmer's style back to life.

Arnie style

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For our readers building their own business, what's one tip you'd offer to someone at the crossroad, deciding whether to take the plunge?

You're only on this planet for a

brief speck in time. If you have a dream, your window to make it come true is relatively narrow. Yes, going out and chasing it is scary. Yes, you're definitely going to have to make sacrifices. But if you believe 100 percent in your vision and put everything you have into making it a reality, you're skewing the odds in your favor.

What's most important: The idea, the person or having the breaks go your way?

Great ideas and amazing breaks certainly play a role in entrepreneurial success, but ultimately it's the person that's most important. You have to control your own destiny, or you'll be left talking about what could have been. I learned that the hard way after I passed on opening a crab shack where cruise ships roll in on the island of Roatan in Honduras. The place is absolutely hopping today, and I'd be sitting on a pile of loot, sipping island cocktails right now. But missing that chance is what led me to seize future opportunities and go after them with all I've got.



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Our economy is not on road to health

Those that are publicly declaring our economic recovery are ignoring a whole host of issues that indicate that the U.S. economy is in absolutely horrendous shape. The true health of an economy should be evaluated by looking at jobs, housing, poverty and debt. Some of the latest economic statistics indicate that our debt problem is worse than ever. And we are still giving away money in foreign aid! **FRANK ST GEORGE, EAST ROCKAWAY**

Proud Kirk Cameron supporter speaks

RE: "RELIGIOUS FREEDOM GOOD; BIGOTRY, NOT": To the men who called Christians hateful bigots, I feel sorry for you. They are probably so angry because they are homosexual and are upset that the Bible is telling them to repent and stop being gay! As a believer I stand by Kirk Cameron 100 percent. Homosexuality is not normal and it clearly states this in the Bible. The Bible is the spoken word of God, every last bit of it is the word of truth. **E. TAYLOR, VIA E-MAIL**

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'Why can't they fix the economy before they think of rising to the sun?'

Some of the rich acquire their wealth through thievery; some through honest means with a whiff of cheating. Whenever the economy nosedives, some of these wealthy creatures of God will suddenly jump to their feet and tell the world that they have the magic to fix the economy only when they become the presidents. The question I am asking is this: Why can't they

fix the economy before they think of rising to the sun? Must they reach the sun before they fix the economy? Time will probably tell when politicians and their rhetoric are born-again believers. **YEMI D. PRINCE, VIA E-MAIL**

Democrat women: Real woman haters

I wonder how many of Rush Limbaugh's critics are willing to demand that Obama return Bill Maher's million-dollar donation. Maher has said slurs and rants that can't be published in Metro. And when do liberals plan to go after the vulgar and misogynistic rappers who donate to Democrats? If liberals really were champions of women, they would not defend Sharia Law. **ROCKY LORE, VIA E-MAIL**

Horoscope

H Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** An interesting development could occur that would elevate your hopes and expectations.

T Aries **March 21-April 19.** Give money matters top priority, because this could be one of those rare days when you can effortlessly reach your financial goals.

T Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Meaningful projects that you personally direct have excellent chances for success.

G Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Most of the time, it is unwise to rely totally on your hunches while ignoring your logic. Today, though, could be one of those rare exceptions.

C Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If a face-to-face meeting concerning an important involvement with another becomes necessary, don't use a surrogate, even if you think that person could do a better job.

L Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Don't be afraid if you get drawn into a com-

petitive involvement that has rather high emotional or financial stakes.

V Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Your optimistic outlook will be one of your greatest assets. You'll use it effectively.

L Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Persons will be supportive when you get them to understand how they can benefit from a collective involvement.

S Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** This can be a better than usual day for negotiating important agreements.

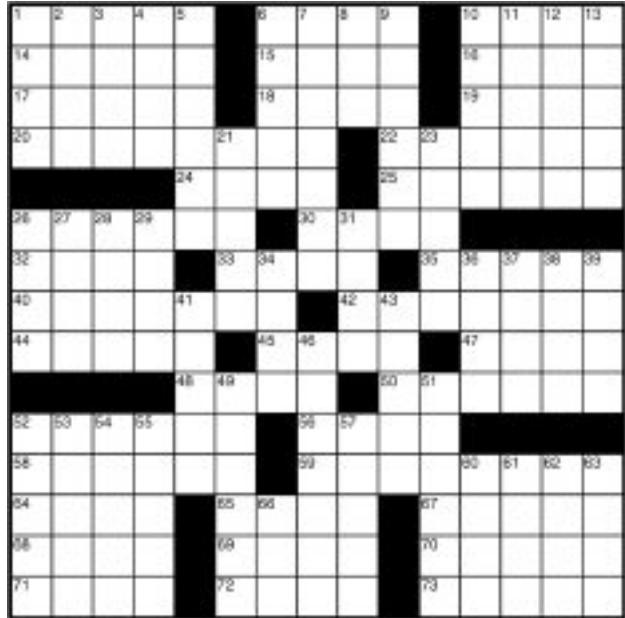
S Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Financial trends look unusually positive, especially regarding dealings in which you're personally prepared to work hard for what you hope to get.

C Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** If there is someone of the opposite gender whom you're desirous of impressing, don't come on too strong.

A Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Don't hesitate to press for a close if there's an important matter that you want to wrap up. It's one of those days when you could get exactly what you want. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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Good day, bad day**Good day**

The Pittsburgh Penguins won their ninth straight game yesterday and possible Hart Trophy winner Evgeni Malkin took over the scoring lead as well.

If their 5-2 win over the Bruins wasn't enough, they also appear to be getting Sidney Crosby back as soon as this Thursday against the Rangers.

**Bad day**

Tiger Woods entered Sunday's final round eight strokes off the lead. He left on a golf cart, withdrawing on the 12th hole with a left Achilles' heel injury.

Woods missed time last season with an MCL strain and Achilles strain, both in his left leg.

Rangers stem tide in OT

The fans demanded the Rangers shoot the puck. Marian Gaborik acquiesced.

Gaborik's power-play goal with 5.8 seconds remaining in overtime gave the Rangers a 4-3 win over the Islanders last night at the Garden. The win snapped a three-game losing streak.

Brad Richards had two goals, while Brian Boyle had

the other for the Rangers. Henrik Lundqvist allowed three goals on 19 shots.

John Tavares, Matt Moulson and Andrew MacDonald scored for the Islanders. Evgeni Nabokov made 32 saves.

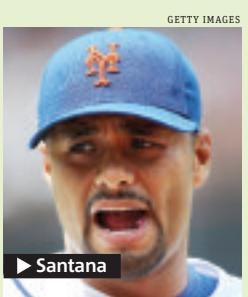
The Isles had a 2-1 lead 7:44 into the second period, yet the Rangers had a chance because Richards was the



dominant top-line center the Rangers envisioned when they offered him a nine-year, \$60 million contract during last July's free agency. He scored two goals — both on the power play — that tied the game at 1-1 and 2-2.

Last night's game kicked off a seven-game homestand, the longest of the season.

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Santana good in second appearance

One more start down, one step closer to starting the regular season.

Mets lefty Johan Santana made his second start of the spring yesterday and again looked impressive his return from shoulder surgery.

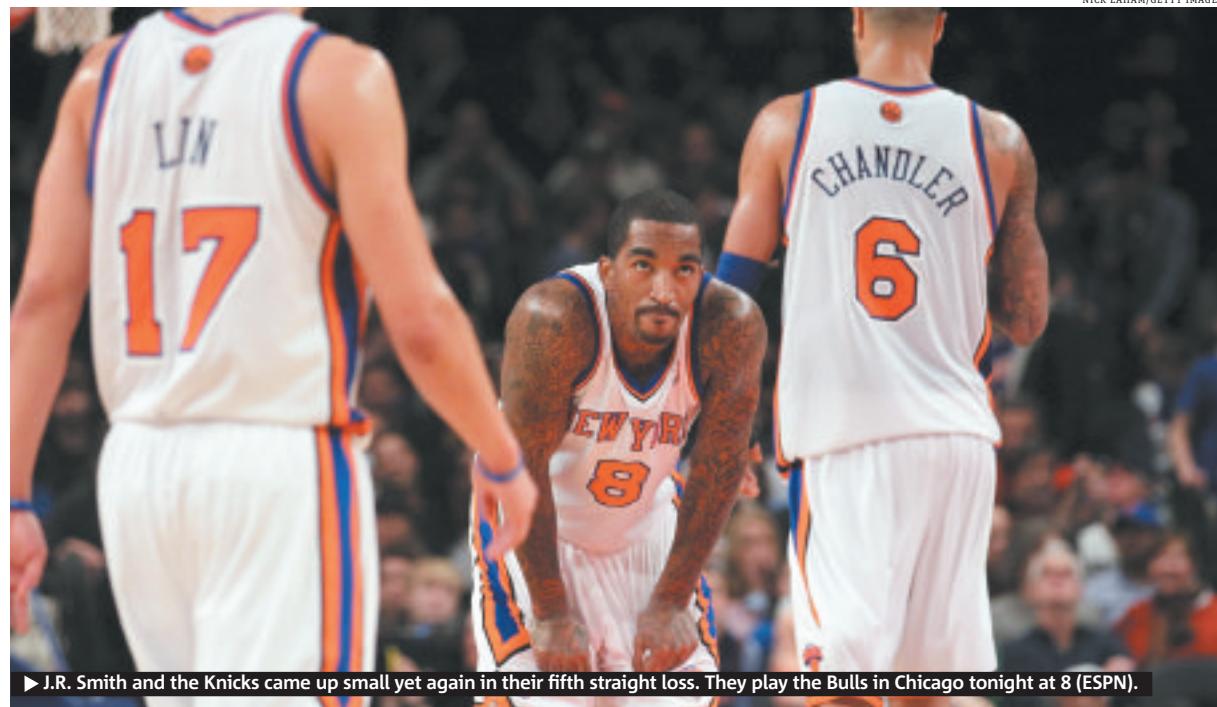
He pitched 2 2/3 innings (42 pitches) and allowed two hits and walks, but no runs. The radar gun was consistently in the high-80s on his fastball.

"We're still building up pitches," Santana said. "I think once we get 80 to 90 pitches, and do it every five days, that's when we'll say we're good."

Rivera solid in his debut

Yankees closer Mariano Rivera looked like his usual self in his first outing of spring.

The 42-year-old Rivera trotted in and retired the side in order. He needed just 14 pitches (10 strikes) to get through Ty Wigginton, Luis Montanez and Hector Luna. Catcher Russell Martin called him the "Latin Andy Warhol" afterward.



Sixers equal five

► Knicks' losing streak runs to five straight in loss to Philly ► D'Antoni admits he can't motivate team ► Melo, Amar'e ride bench in final minutes

The Knicks have been notorious for awful performances in matinees. But a 24-22 first-quarter lead meant they couldn't even use that for an excuse in their 106-94 loss to the division-leading Sixers.

Knicks head coach Mike D'Antoni was almost flabbergasted afterwards as he seemed to suggest he's run out of ways to motivate his team. He allowed that inspiring his squad has been an issue and sounded near wits-end trying to find a way to rouse this crew.

"It's what we've talked about all year and it hasn't



"Everyone ... needs to take a step back and understand what they need to do to contribute to this team."

C TYSON CHANDLER, KNICKS

come through yet. It's hard to explain. It's more [about] spirit [because] when we hit a snag [we] seem to wither. And for whatever reason we haven't been able to overcome any kind of obstacles," D'Antoni said. "Even when we're down only two [points] we seem to act like the world is caving. ... That's the first thing we have to solve. We have to keep fighting and just have to play harder and with more urgency."

There was more urgency amongst the bench players, as the subs were the main reason for the Knicks' near comeback.

Conspicuous in their absences during the final moments were the Knicks' superstars, Carmelo Anthony and Amar'e Stoudemire. Neither helped matters much as Anthony finished with 22 points (5-of-13 shooting) and Stoudemire could only muster nine.

Tyson Chandler said he noticed the stars were on the bench in the waning minutes but said he feels the hardest-working five need to be on the floor, regardless of team status.

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Red Bulls lose opener

The Red Bulls traveled to FC Dallas for their MLS season opener and returned with a 2-1 loss.

New York fell behind 1-0 in the 11th minute on a Zach Lloyd goal assisted by Blas Perez.

Perez again assisted on a Ricardo Villar goal in the 60th minute to provide the eventual difference.

Kenny Cooper had the Red Bulls' only goal in the 79th minute. ● METRO

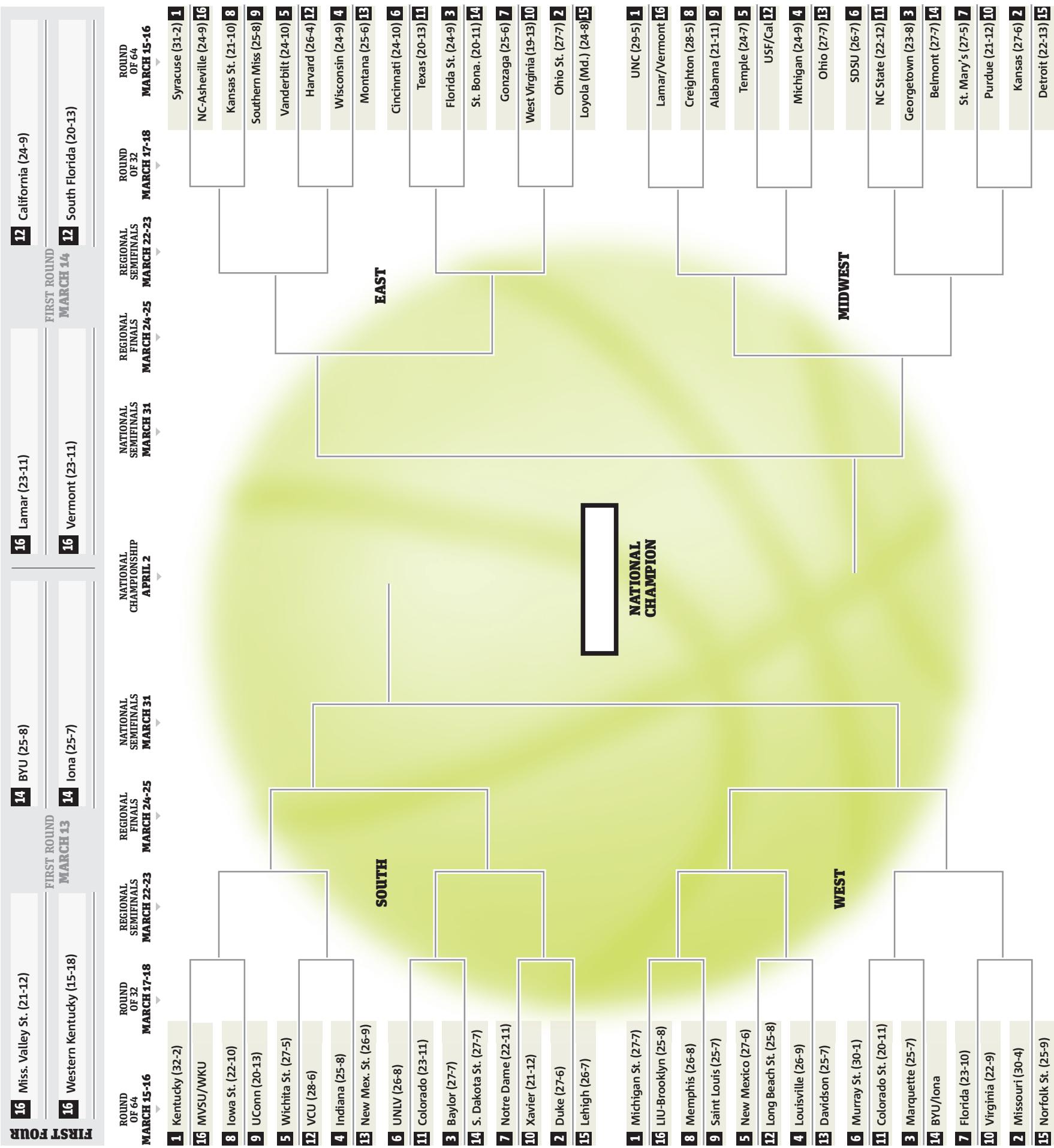
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Snubs, shocks and surprises

► Let's hope you aren't a Seton Hall fan ► Dragons, Wildcats also snubbed ► And who thought Iona was in?

Forget the matchups, immediately after the brackets are released every year, fans immediately begin debating which schools got snubbed and which were mysteriously included.

We'll get started breaking down the tournament tomorrow, but for now, we want to take a look at some of those teams that made your jaw



drop on Selection Sunday — good and bad.

Snubs

Seton Hall (20-12, RPI: 61)

It's hard to feel bad for any team in the Big East being snubbed, especially when nine conference members got in.

Seton Hall had plenty of chances to earn their way in also. And yet, how does a team that beat VCU, West Virginia, UConn and Georgetown get left out? Those are

all tournament teams and the Pirates handled them all.

The committee probably was looking for a win in the second round of the Big East tournament over Louisville. In retrospect, that would've been a Herculean accomplishment. The Cardinals won the tournament and the Pirates are now left sitting at home.

Drexel (27-6, RPI: 64)

It's hard being the little guy.

Drexel was the top seed in the Colonial Athletic Conference tournament, they made the final and lost by three to VCU. That was, apparently, their only shot.

They won 17 in a row to close out the regular season, including one over VCU, but their strength of schedule was 248th. They played no one. The regular season VCU win was their only against a tourney team, while they lost to both Norfolk State and Virginia.

Northwestern (18-13, RPI: 59)

That 18 is an ugly number if you're going to try to sneak in as an at-large team, but stick with me.

The Wildcats played the 15th toughest schedule in the country. They beat No. 1 seed Michigan State, but they were done in by too many close losses, including heartbreakers at Michigan and against Ohio State.

Shocks

South Florida (20-13, RPI: 52)

If you want to watch incredibly slow, boring basketball you are in luck.

The Bulls play an ugly brand of basketball that has seen them score under 50 points 10 times this season.

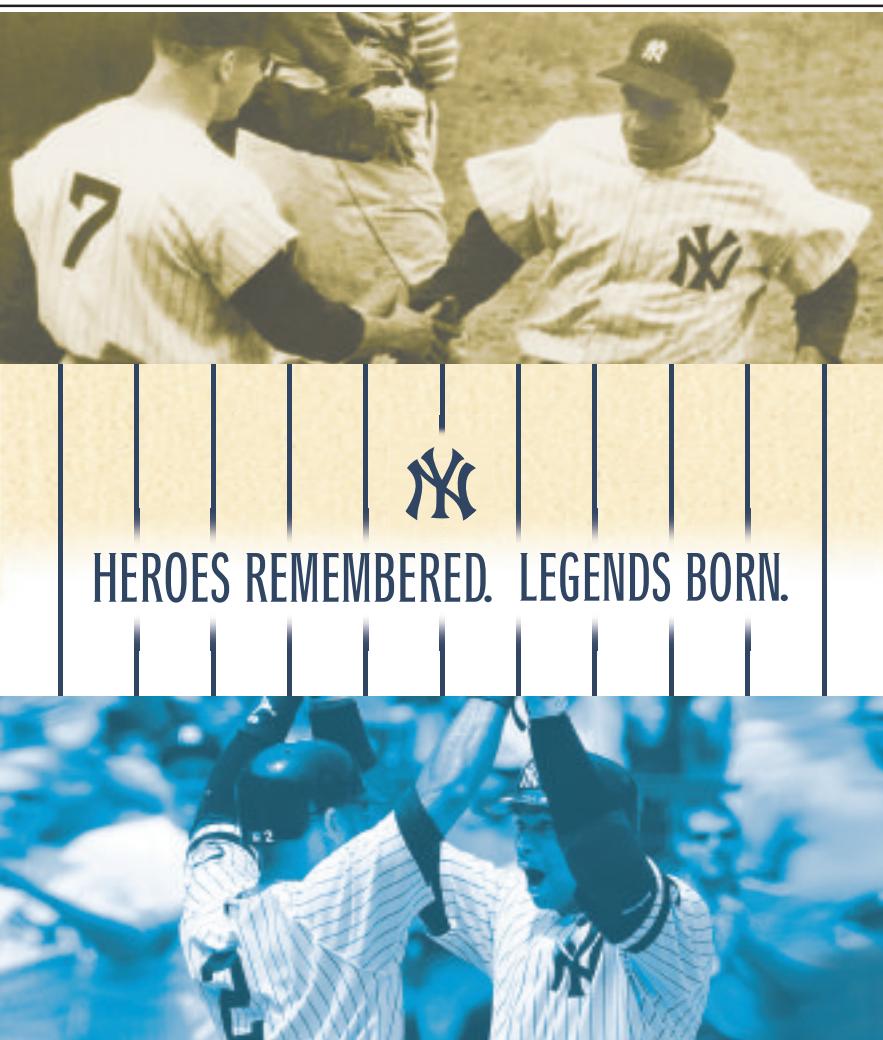
They have one quality win in the conference — at Louisville. Unless you count Seton Hall ...

Iona (25-7, RPI: 41)

This one would go down as a win for the little guys.

Iona's inclusion shocked just about everyone, except apparently Hathaway and the committee. When he was asked if the Gaels were the final team to sneak into the tournament Hathaway seemed apoplectic. The answer was no, and it wasn't even close. Joe Lunardi disagrees.

Calm down, Iona coach Tim Cluess. You're in.



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► Star third baseman is latest Met to be sent back to city ► Alderson, Collins downplay trip ► Lefty Byrdak may be in trouble with knee injury

Normally when you hear a Mets player is being sent back to New York for medical reasons you fear the worst. After all, the last time it happened the player was diagnosed with valley fever.

Mets third baseman David Wright is the latest to be sent back, but general manager Sandy Alderson was quick to say it was not considered a major issue.

Alderson said Wright was to receive an "ultrasound-guided" cortisone shot in his left rib cage, which he in-

Byrd in flight

Lefty reliever Tim Byrdak also joined Wright in flying back to New York to make a visit to the Hospital for Special Surgery.



► Byrdak is suffering from what he termed "irritation" in his left knee and may require arthroscopic surgery.

jured early in spring training. He has yet to play in any games, nor is he cleared to take at-bats, but he has been participating in defensive drills.

The Mets have had five different players come up with oblique or rib cage issues in camp, including Wright, who is by far the most important of the injured players.

Mets manager Terry Collins is hopeful the trip to New York will pave the way to a quick return for his All-Star third baseman.

"We will find out more tomorrow when he sees the doctor," Collins told reporters in camp yesterday. "Hopefully he will give us the go-ahead [for baseball activity]. David has been itching to take some swings. We'll know more tomorrow where we stand. ... He's real close. He's real close to doing baseball activities. But the last hurdle is they'll decide in New York what the next step is."

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► Wright has yet to take any at-bats this spring training.

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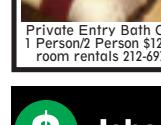
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